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FARWELL VALLEY- Vice President Christopher Bonvenuto is going back to Santa Monica College.

VALLEY LOSES THEIR VICE PRESIDENT

Monarchs' Vice President Christopher Bonvenuto moves to Santa Monica College

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After one year at Valley College, Vice President of Administrative Services Christopher Bonvenuto moved to Santa Monica College for a career promotion.

Bonvenuto had previously been employed by Santa Monica College for almost a decade. His new position as chief director of business services include the responsibilities for all budgets, audits, accounting, bond-finance procurement and other general service operations for Santa Monica College.

"I didn't know [Bonvenuto] had left, but I think now would be the time to make some changes to how things are done here," said clinical psychology major Kelly Calvillo.

The position of vice president of Administrative Services became vacant Apr. 11. Due to the current presidential search, choosing a permanent replacement for Bonvenuto will be postponed until a permanent president has been chosen. The permanent position for president is scheduled to be filled by July 1.

There will not be an interim vice president appointed with the leaving of Bonvenuto. Instead, Associate Vice President of Administration Services Raul Gonzales, the Director of College Facilities Tom Lopez, and Financial Analyst Violet Amrikhas will divide the work until a new vice president is chosen.

"I can't say there will be an effect on campus with the vice president leaving," said Amrikhas. "There has always been a work overload behind the scenes, so we're used to it and can handle it."

Gonzales will supervise office staff, oversee the bookstore, handle community service, manage the athletic department, and be responsible for the business office including payroll and personnel.

Lopez will be in charge of bond projects and construction, maintenance and operations, and IT alongside Hanh Tran, manager of College Information Systems. Amrikhas will be responsible for the budget.

The open position for vice president has been posted on the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) website, and is open to the public. The deadline for submitting the application is May 30.

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VOTING BOOTHS - The Valley College ASU voting booths are empty on the first day of voting, on April 21, Monday afternoon at the Fireside Room.

VALLEY HOLDS FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Monarchs learn different ways to fund their education through the Financial Aid Awareness event.

PAUL FRUMKIN
STAFF WRITER

Valley College's Financial Aid office held a financial aid awareness event on Wednesday at Monarch Hall to inform students about financial aid opportunities they could be missing out on.

Twelve tables were set up where students could learn the different ways to get financial help while attending college such as grants, loans, and scholarships. Silvia Diaz, the Financial Aid office supervisor at Valley, was attended the event and was informing students about the Federal Work Study Program,

which is part-time work that could be done on or off the college campus.

"The purpose and the goal for our office is to educate students about the various different options there is for financial aid," said Diaz. "So we try to hold these events on a yearly basis or throughout the semester, so we're able to inform all the students of all the options they have."

Students were also informed about the differences between grants, loans, and scholarships. Grants do not have to be paid back and are from either the state or federal government.

Loans have to be paid back with interest, but can sometimes be forgiven fully or partially. For example, the Federal Perkins Loan, which was a one-time allo-

cation of \$10,000 by Congress, may be partially forgiven if put towards an education in professions that serve the public such as teaching or nursing.

Scholarships are like grants, but they are from the private sector. Not everyone qualifies for all scholarships — most students must meet requirements to the specific scholarship they are attempting to get. The final step to be awarded a scholarship is to write an essay.

"If there's one thing that I can tell students, I would encourage them to do their own research on financial aid," said Financial Aid Technician Andy Guerrero.

He cited websites finaid.org and studentaid.ed.gov as being helpful for students looking for information on financial aid.

Guerrero also encouraged students to be aware of the March 1 FAFSA deadline and to apply for financial aid.

"Students sometimes apply a little late and that does cause delays" Guerrero said. "Don't let that be an excuse. Don't let that stop you from receiving your aid in time."

Students are encouraged to visit the Financial Aid office, which is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. Monarchs can also reach the office by calling (818)-947-2412.

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COREY WHITE - One of the Financial Aid Technician, gives an explanation to students about the Federal Supplemental at the Financial Aid Awareness event.

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SUMMER SESSION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Valley students will soon be able to sign up for upcoming summer classes.

KARINA TOVAR
STAFF WRITER

Valley College has confirmed that summer session classes will be offered, with over 120 classes for students to choose from.

For the second semester in a row, Valley will be offering students a variety of options to select from without the limit of only special or year-round program classes. A variety of high-demand courses will be offered along with CSU/UC transferable courses that meet the General Education requirements.

Many English and math classes will be offered, along with several courses in the areas of career technical education, along with some noncredit courses.

The summer session will start June 16 and end July 20. Monarchs can now log on to their portals to check their registration date for their five-week summer session.

"Valley College is delighted to offer a complete summer schedule that will help our students move towards completing their academic goals," said Interim President of Valley College Alma Johnson-Hawkins. "This summer, we will be offering a variety of high demand CSU/UC transferable courses that meet IGETC and General Education Certification requirements."

Since 2009, Valley has had to slash summer classes due to budget cuts. A short summer program was offered in the following years with registration options restricted to only special or year-round program classes.

The decision to make these cuts was up to the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees. The board's decision was said to be a proactive step in the anticipation of deeper budget cuts from the state.

"Then they're asking why students are in college for three or four years; what are they doing?" said undecided major Victoria Aptkar, expressing her displeasure with the board cutting summer classes.

Despite of these cuts, some students still consider themselves lucky to have Valley continue the trend of offering core classes, as it is becoming increasingly difficult to find open classes during the regular semesters.

"Sometimes during spring and fall semester, classes get really full and we don't get to take them," said accounting major Karen Barrer. "By providing winter and summer sessions, it helps us stay on top of the classes we're trying to take."

Students can go to www.lavc.edu/schedules.html for a complete guide to this year's summer session catalogue.

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CAREER FAIR & HEALTH EXPO - LAVC students get valuable information and make connections Thursday during the Career Fair and Health Expo in Monarch Square.

VALLEY STUDENTS EXPLORE HEALTH AND WEALTH

Valley Students explore career and health options at Career Fair/Health Expo.

JACKIE CARTER
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Tents and tables filled Valley College at the 2014 Career Fair/Health Expo at Monarch Square on Thursday.

Dozens of students had the opportunity to meet with more than 40 employers ranging from Avon to Yogurtland at the event hosted by the LAVC Cooperative Education Department, in collaboration with the Valley Economic Alliance.

"For students looking for their first job after graduation or their next

job, CALJOBS is a game changer," said Kenn Phillips, vice president of Business & Workforce Development at The Valley Economic Alliance. "And in particular, businesses can find them now, [job seekers] instead of the other way around."

The event also offered free on-site health screenings for HIV, Hepatitis C, good nutrition and healthy eating, along with health activities including CPR instruction and a blood drive.

Blue Cross-Blue Shield's Individual & Family Plans Outreach Manager, Ricardo Jimenez, was on hand to answer questions about career opportunities as well as health insurance concerns.

"The increase in the number of people needing coverage has opened up a lot of opportunities for employ-

ment in the healthcare industry," said Jimenez.

Alexandra San Lucas, a nursing major and student at Valley has been out of work for almost four months, and is interested in entering the medical field.

"I think it is great that there are representatives here, because applying online is so ambiguous," said San Lucas. "There's roadblocks with getting information and talking to people, you cannot ask questions, you can't really get a feel for the company itself, whereas with the representatives being here, you can really get a sense of whether it's the right match for you or not."

There are also on-campus career resources students can take advantage of, such as the Job Resource Center and the monthly Job Club

hosted by LAVC Job Training.

The Job Resource Center is located in Bungalow 3 and assists students with gaining part-time and full-time employment. They have job listings that are updated daily. Students can reach the building by calling (818) 947-2334.

The Monthly Job Club located in the Job Training Office in the Administration Building offers many services including resume writing assistance and interviewing techniques. The next meeting will be May 30. Contact Roberto Gutierrez at (818) 947-5610 to obtain more information.

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OVERSHARING HAS CONSEQUENCES

Sharing personal matters on your social sites might seem innocent enough, until they start to cost you.

KARINA TOVAR
STAFF WRITER

We've all been there: you decide to go out with a couple of friends for a bite to eat. You see your waiter arrive with the food and then, as if prompted, all the phones on the table are now angled up high as your friends hold their breath to take the perfect picture of the day's lunch.

Social media provides people with an outlet to share ideas and keep in touch with old friends and even complete strangers. The delicious burger you just had is now being shared between your best friend who is at home sick, and the random stranger who follows you on Instagram. According to journalism textbook Media/Impact by Shirley Biagi, the average time someone spends connected to some form of media is 41% of the day. That means we tweet, poke, hashtag, blog, and over share for the majority of our waking time. But

when is it time to pull the plug on this outlet of sharing?

Over sharing on these social sites can sometimes make for comedic entertainment as we watch our friends breakup and makeup in a matter of minutes. On the contrary, posting too much of our private lives leaves us open to cyber stalking, embarrassing moments that can be captured and embedded onto the web, and a complete lack of privacy. Privacy used to be something people yearned for, now we voluntarily throw it out the window with the excessive amount of sharing on personal matters.

The cost of over sharing is clear for Patrick Snay, a Florida resident who had filed an age discrimination complaint against Gulliver Preparatory School after his 2010-2011 contract wasn't renewed. The school and Snay reached an agreement with a whopping \$80,000 settlement. The money had not quite reached Patrick's pockets before his daughter, Dana, took to her 1,200 Facebook friends to share her parent's victory.

"Mama and Papa Snay

won the case against Gulliver," boasted Dana Snay on her Facebook wall. "Gulliver is now officially paying for my vacation to Europe this summer. Suck it."

Within a few days, Gulliver sent Snay's attorney a letter informing them that the 69-year-old Florida man had broken the confidentiality agreement and would not be receiving the \$80,000 settlement. Ouch! Dana and her parents would be on their way to that European vacation had she remembered that private home matters should sometimes remain private home matters.

"I think social media has blurred the lines between what should be private and what should be public," said Computer Science major, Julio Santiago. "We spew words on to the net that come back around and end up costing you."

Next time you think of sharing something on to your social sites, stop and think to yourself, is this really something people need to know about me?

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INCLINE INJUSTICE STRIKES AT VALLEY

Students will now be required to spend units to use the campus gym.

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In order for students to use the gym, they must sign up for a kinesiology class, which is a scientific study of human movement. Yes, it is only one unit. However, non-health majors will not have any interest in learning about bones and joints.

In addition, students are in jeopardy of breaking the 90-unit cap by adding unnecessary units. In 2013, Gov. Jerry Brown's budget proposal plan took effect within community colleges leaving students paying \$190 per unit if they reach 90 units. According to the Men's Physical Education Department Chair, David Mallas, safety is the main concern in response to students having to register for the class to use the gym.

"Due to the liability issues with insurance and all, to use any of our facilities you must be enrolled in a kinesiology class," said Mallas.

Obviously, students are better off getting a gym membership at 24 Hour Fitness than paying \$46 a class at a unit here at Valley College. At the very least, this would give us an opportunity to put our student I.D. in use on

campus, other than checking out a book.

At 24 Hour Fitness, members have to pay an initiation fee of \$150 with \$40 a month; this, however, includes various extras, such as a sauna, a hot tub, cardio classes, and an open pool, to name a few. Fitness junkies also have the luxury to work out whenever they want to, any time or day of the week. Unfortunately, that is not the case at Valley. According to Mallas, the gym hours depend on the individual and when they signed up for the class. The campus' gym hours are inconsistent, and further deter students from wanting to get their workout before, in between, and after their classes. Weekdays, the gym closes at 8 p.m. Weekend hours are 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Fridays, the gym closes at 7:30 p.m.

Along with these minimal gym hours, there are limited ways in which people can exercise on campus. The Valley Glen community can no longer take a free jog around the Monarch Stadium track. Due to the severe budget cuts, the campus could not afford to maintain the expenses of the track and were forced to close it down. At the moment, it looks like students may have to get fit for the summer off campus.

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ZAIN'S BRAIN... FEDERAL SHAME

The anticlimactic showdown between Bundy and the BLM brings shame to all.

ZAIN ABOURAIA

Two weeks ago, the Bureau of Land Management failed to seize 900 of Cliven Bundy's cattle. The 20-year-old dispute screams of waste, inequity, and stupidity.

Cliven Bundy is the last of a long dead breed of cattle rancher in Nevada; if he were a tomato, he would be known as an "heirloom." Since 1877, the Bundy family has owned land and grazing rights to some land the BLM deems a sanctuary for the desert tortoise, which is vulnerable to the threat of extinction. Bundy does not recognize the authority of the federal government and refuses to pay the fines that have an accumulative value of over \$300,000 in a standoff that ended without a whimper, much less a bang.

Thousands came to his support and the BLM backed off, wanting to avoid another firefight between federal agents and well-armed rural militiamen. It may seem smart on the BLM's part, but the better move would be to either leave him alone entirely or invoke the NDRP and forcibly seize his land, home, animals, vehicles, fuel, and just about everything Cliven Bundy owns. The latter may seem a bit excessive; it is, however, perfectly legal and well within the limits of the federal government.

It is a tale right out of the old west: harsh and overly restrictive government, coming in and taking what a free man earned by honest work, and the ensuing struggle between the righteous rancher and the pernicious politicians and their henchmen, clockwork-oranges called "agents." It even had the happy ending, where the villain is vanquished and good wins out over evil. Except nothing is that simple.

Yes, the BLM drove countless ranchers out of Nevada, yes Cliven Bundy is a romantic character on the face of the whole drama and yes, good did win out eventually. However, one could just as easily cast this story in another light: Bundy as an old curmudgeon who refuses to let his land be a habitat for the poor defenseless tortoises that would meet a swift extinction if it were not for the efforts of the star-spangled-spectacular BLM.

In truth, this case is quite insignificant in the larger scheme of things. Cliven Bundy is one guy with one ranch. Another few years and the BLM will try to take his cattle or land or whatever else the federal government wants to acquire; they might be smart and just wait for old man Bundy to die and claim eminent domain on the land. Either way, The Bundy Family will be phased out of history and the march towards tyranny will move on. Do not fool yourself into thinking this was a victory against the forces of injustice, the events at Bundy ranch were nothing compared to what the revolution will be.

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VALLEY STAR UNABLE TO REPORT ON ELECTIONS

The Valley Star would like to explain a conspicuous absence of vital news.

THE VALLEY STAR

Here at the Valley Star, we understand that there are many important issues our fellow students want to read about.

We recognize that our role as the student media is to inform the Valley College student body about events such as plays, gallery exhibits, concerts and library openings.

Every year, we try to provide a description and photograph of the ASU candidates which contain information about their platforms. It also includes the election results for the benefit of the student body as a part of our duty to the college. Unfortunately, that will not happen this year.

Not one of the candidates made themselves available to The Star, preventing us from reporting on an event that directly affects Valley.

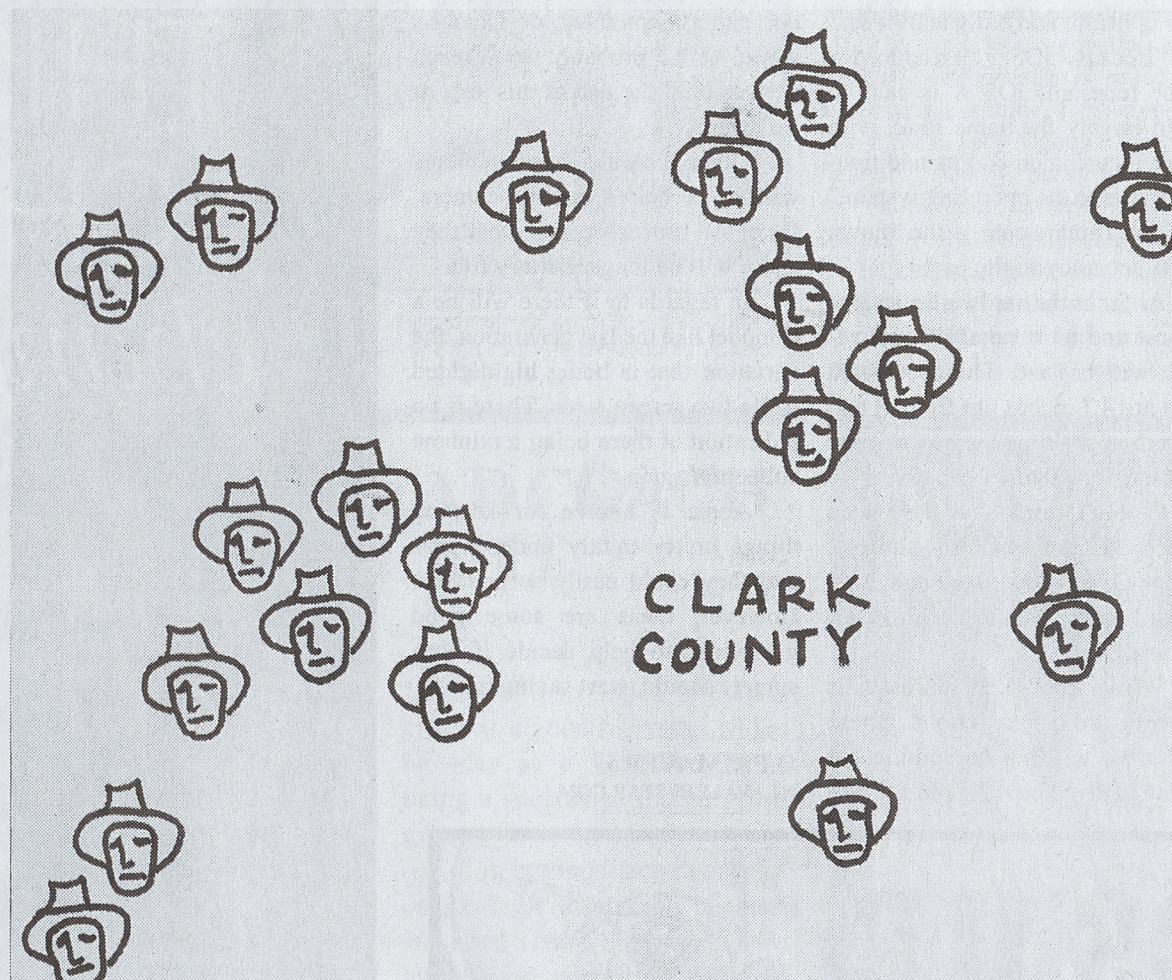
College students The Star and the ASU have one common goal: to serve our Monarchs. Neither one of us can do this alone.

Students benefit from being well informed for obvious reasons. The candidates do as well. It makes it easier to more effectively serve the electorate. Exposure in the newspaper is the easiest way to communicate their platforms to Monarchs as a whole.

We hope that in the future, the coming ASU cabinet will heed these words well.

We do not like the state of affairs between The Star and the ASU, and we would like to have a more healthy and open relationship with them. This requires cooperation from both sides.

We understand that students expect to open the newspaper and learn all about the candidates. This week they will only see this explanation. We understand that this is not enough, but unfortunately, that is all we could offer. We welcome all views and opinions, and those can be sent to opinion@lavalleystar.com.



Cartography - An approximation of where Cliven Bundy's cattle should occupy, according to the Bundy's.

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VALLEY VIEW

DO YOU THINK STUDENTS SHOULD TAKE A KINESIOLOGY CLASS TO USE THE GYM?



"The students of this school have every right to use our gym for their health needs. There should be no prerequisite."
- DEVAN COYE
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS



"No; we all have a right to good health."
- TEMPIE WHITE
PSYCHOLOGY



"I don't think you should need a kinesiology class to use the gym, it's not rocket science."
- DIANA RECINOS
SOCIOLOGY



"I don't think this school needs a requirement for using the gym."
- ESTEBAN QUIJADA
COMPUTER SCIENCE



"I believe it is not right to have to take a 1 unit class but then again students don't appreciate the resources they do have."
- ANA IRIS
SOCIOLOGY

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VALLEY COLLEGE'S DRIVING FORCE FOR EQUALITY

The feminist club works to make society a more fair and just place for everyone to live.

BRITTANY BAGWELL
VALLEY LIFE EDITOR

The feminist club is all about action. Its members do not just talk about gender equality or sociological scholarship, they seek ways to get Valley College students involved. They are inclusive, enthusiastic, and sincere in their desire to create a society where all people are considered and treated as equals.

"Our club mission is to enlighten people on feminism, that it's not just about women. We will all have a better society if it's 50/50 in the workforce and in life," said club president and sociology major Bridget Urena.

From voting on what charity to donate the proceeds from their last event, they moved right along to the next community event they were planning: a workshop on consent from a feminist zine called "Break the Silence." In an entertaining and interactive format, the feminist club members plan on teaching proper social skills about boundaries.

The club members' reasons for joining were as diverse as the members themselves. "I have three little sisters," said Josh Eberhard, radiology major. "I see the misrepresentation of women in the media. I want to be able to give them a counter message. I've learned a lot and changed a lot since I joined."

The media is certainly culpable for perpetuating stereotypes, unrealistic body images, and outdated gender roles. Women have less opportunities to contribute to con-



STRIVING FOR EQUALITY - Members of the feminist club join together in the humanities building during a meeting.

versations; even if they are qualified to voice opinions, they have less of chance to tell their story.

The Global Media Monitoring Project is the largest international study of gender in the media that publishes its findings every five years. In 2010, their study concluded that "women are grossly underrepresented in news coverage in contrast to men. The outcome of

underrepresentation is an imbalanced picture of the world, one in which women are largely absent."

The feminist club at Valley is organizing to create a conversation, one where students can identify these gender inequalities that are present in their everyday lives. Becoming aware of how these cultural deficits hurt women and society at large is the first step in changing them.

ing them.

The feminist club encourages anyone interested to stop by a meeting Monday and Wednesday, 1 - 2 pm in the Humanities Building room 107.

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AN APP FOR GETTING WHERE YOU NEED TO GO

Lyft and Uber offer users a safe, convenient and inexpensive alternative to taxi

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Using ridesharing services like Lyft or Uber can be an easy, safe, and budget-friendly alternative to taxi cabs.

Lyft and Uber are two similar ridesharing companies that are accessed through apps. Using these services have proved to be cheaper than a taxi; Lyft even offers a coupon for \$25 off the first ride if a friend recommends a new customer. The rides are usually not that expensive, so the first time using the service could most likely be free.

The Lyft app is easy to use and provides a list of drivers to choose from as well as information about each one. Credit card information is stored for future rides and everything is controlled through the app. Passengers can choose what kind of car they want or need depending on how many people need a ride. Nursing major Angela Ovsepyan prefers these services over using a taxi.

"I use Uber quite often," 26-year-old Ovsepyan said. "It's definitely cheaper than a taxi

and the app is great because you have a picture of the driver with their information before they pick you up."

The main difference between the two companies is that Uber hires mostly professional drivers, while Lyft hires everyday people and trains them to become drivers. Both companies go through similar safety and training procedures; these drivers essentially have the same credentials as a taxi driver. Passengers may find Lyft or Uber drivers much friendlier than taxi drivers. 36-year-old Valley student Dorian Jackson also notes that an Uber driver can also be more trustworthy.

"I lost my phone in a cab and I never saw it again, I left one in an Uber and got it back the very next day," Jackson said.

Another concern people may have before using these services is, of course, about safety. Lyft performs background and DMV record checks; they will also inspect a driver's car and make sure the model year is year 2000 or newer. Passengers and drivers rate each other after every ride and if a passenger rates a driver below 4 stars, they are never matched with that driver again. If a driver's average falls below 4½ out of 5 stars, they are removed from the Lyft community as a way of maintaining high-quality standards.

Passengers planning a night out can get to their destinations and back safely, quickly and cheaply by using these ridesharing services.

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THE MYSTERY BEHIND THE IPHONE 6

The highly anticipated new device from apple and what we know about it.

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This year, just like the previous seven, there is much anticipation about the new iPhone. From various rumors and "leaked photos" on social media and blogging websites, it is hard to know who to believe.

We will know a lot more about the new operating system that is planning to roll out around the same time as the new device. The product will be released during the Apple World Wide Developer's Conference in early June. The idea of Healthbook for iOS 8 has been in talks for a long time; a comprehensive app for monitoring and main-

taining health and daily activities.

"Because iOS 7 introduced a major redesign, iOS 8 is said to retain largely the same look, with Apple focusing on adding additional features to the operating system," says Macrumors.com, a site known for its accuracy in the past.

As far as the hardware goes, the biggest and most notable improvement will be size. The speculated sizes are 4.7 inches (up from 4) and 5.5 inches, making them seem more Android style than ever before.

"I don't think that they need to become more like an Android, iPhone is already great and easy to use," states public health major Nichole Costales, 20.

While the size increase is drawing mixed reactions, these dual sizes will not be coming out concurrently. The 4.7 is due to roll

out either September or October, while the 5.5 probably won't reach shelves until the end of this year or early next.

Other notable improvements will be a better quality camera, faster A8 processor, and what they claim will be longer battery life.

In regards to if there will be a C model like the last generation, the variation that is being highlighted is the two screen sizes. There is no indication of there being a rainbow collection again.

Apple is known for keeping things pretty tightly under wraps and they could easily surprise us. However, these are some good guidelines to help decide if consumers should start saving now.

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BOTTOM OF THE NINTH- Monarchs' Shortstop, Steven Gorman, runs full speed to base while Condor baseman tries to recover errant ball.

CONDORS SOAR PAST MONARCHS

Oxnard plates three in the last two innings; drop Monarchs 6-2.

KEVIN BUCKLES
STAFF WRITER

Valley college's baseball team failed to extend its winning streak to three games on Tuesday afternoon after losing 6-2 to Oxnard College.

"Oxnard is the top team in their conference so we knew this game was going to be tough," said Monarchs' Coach Dave Mallas. "I felt we did our job offensively, but we could've been better defensively down the stretch."

Sophomore pitcher, Stewart Alexander, struck out three batters and allowed one hit heading into the top of the fifth inning. Oxnard sophomore, Ryan Webberley, started the top of the fifth by sending a line drive into right field, earning a double. Alexander walked the next batter before Condors outfielder, Kevin Jamerson, got a base hit that brought Webberley home for the tying run.

"They got a couple of lucky hits in the fifth," said Alexander. "We had a good chance but [Oxnard] did their job."

Condors outfielder, Jerrett Maas,

hit a pop up that was caught for an out in right field, but the Monarchs were not able to prevent another runner from scoring, as Joey Sunia jogged to home plate, giving Oxnard a 2-1 lead on the top of the fifth.

The Monarchs defense could not stop the Condors offense in the final four innings. Oxnard scored four unanswered runs, extending their lead

to 6-1 by the top of the ninth.

Monarchs finished the game with seven hits, only one less than the Condors' eight. Oxnard, however, finished with six stolen bases, while Valley failed to steal one. Valley's second baseman, Scott Stetson, stated that the Monarchs were capable of winning, but did not execute enough to overcome the Condors.

"We could have beat them, but we just didn't do what it took," said Stetson. "There is three phases to the game and we lost in all three."

Valley will be back home for conference play against Antelope Valley College Marauders Wednesday, April 23 at 2:30 p.m.

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CLOSE CALL- Second baseman Scott Stetson attempts to tag Oxnard College player on Tuesday in a 6-2 loss at Valley.

MONARCH SCHEDULES

Baseball:
Thursday, Apr. 24
vs. Glendale
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VALLEY'S FOOTBALL HEAD COACH POSITION REMAINS VACANT

Valley College football program looks to fill vacant head coach position.

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STAFF WRITERS

Spring workouts have begun for the Valley College football players, but the program is still in search of a new head coach for the upcoming season.

"It's just a matter of finding the right fit for us to hopefully maintain our goals of our athletic department," said Monarchs offensive coordinator and Athletic Director Jim Fenwick.

The head coach position became vacant after veteran Coach Larry Kerr took a job as the defensive coordinator at the University of Northern Colorado in early January, according to Fenwick. The lengthy process of hiring a new coach begins with the district approving the position needed and then advertising it for up to 30 days.

The Monarch's athletic committee, which includes Fenwick, then takes a look at all qualified candidates and selects the best candidate that fits the program.

Qualifications for candidates include having a Master's degree in their particular field and experience in recruiting and coaching at the collegiate level.

"The hiring process is never fast enough," Fenwick said. "But we have to go through all of the legal processes to make it fair for everybody."

Preferred experience at either a university or a community college will not be determining factors in the hiring of the head coach. Fenwick, also stated that he is hoping the hiring committee receives a pool of diversified candidates that share the same philosophies and academic values as Valley.

Monarchs football's strength and conditioning coach and former head coach from 2004-08,

Jimmy Sims, hopes the new coach is a good recruiter, which he sees as a key element in being a successful football program.

"I'm hoping that he possesses good recruiting tools because we need that," Sims said. "To have good recruiting tools to be able to recruit in our area, is going to be a very positive thing for us."

The football players are the ones most affected with the lack of a head coach. Sophomore defensive lineman Stephane Cazeau stated that he would prefer a coach that is a disciplinarian and who is invested in the program for the foreseeable future.

"I would want somebody who is going to come in and be strict," Cazeau said. "Somebody who is going to set a good example, and show that they can be a good coach and lead the team."

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VALLEYS' GREAT IMMORTALIZED IN THE HALL OF FAME

Valley Hall Of Fame- More than athletic performance and record setting.

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Induction into the Valley College Hall of Fame is about much more than an athletic performance, setting records, or pictures on a wall.

The Hall Of Fame (HOF) Committee was started in 2005, and was the dream of Chuck Ferraro, former coach and athletic director at Valley College. It is a way to recognize athletes, coaches, teams and individuals that have had an impact on the program or influenced others' lives in some way.

"It was important for today's student-athletes to not only get motivation from their peers and current athletes, but to also be able to look back at some of the fine role models that preceded them," said Ferraro.

Paul Sabolic, Chairman of the HOF Committee, who works as a volunteer, credits athletics with his being able to attend college and thinks that they are critically important to schools. Sabolic played offensive tackle for Valley in the 1960s. Although he was inducted into the hall of fame in 2010, he was reluctant to accept the recognition.

"I always fought them on it, you know. I told them I didn't deserve it, but I was kind of overruled by the committee," said Sabolic. "They told me that because I was Junior College All-American, all conference, and All Metropolitan Conference and got a lot of recognition that I deserved to be inducted. Also as the chairperson I didn't want there to be any improprieties."

The first HOF induction was in 2007. The criteria is based on a seemingly simple questionnaire, but it is a very rigorous process including history, background and any additional information that speaks to the accomplishments of the nominees to make sure that the candidates are worthy of induction. There is no black and white process. In some cases it takes years but it

depends on the nominee's availability and priority.

The Athletic Endowment of the HOF is another way that supports the athletic programs at Valley. They are purely voluntary contributions from outside communities as well as individuals, which values athletics and allow the donors a way to give back to the college that was good to them.

"Valley College has a long history of student-athletes spanning more than 60 years. The Hall of Fame is very valuable not only to Valley, but to anyone that wishes to recognize athletic accomplishments. Some of the athletes have gone on to four-year colleges, become professional athletes or Olympians. It's also a platform to encourage past athletes to come back and contribute their time, talent or whatever it takes to make this whole program worthy of attention," said Sabolic.

Travis Harlin, a red-shirt freshman, was unaware that Valley College has a Hall of Fame. "It would be an honor to be in the Hall of Fame, but right now, you know I'm just thinking about working out and helping the team get better first, before I think about trying to go for the Hall of Fame," said Harlin.

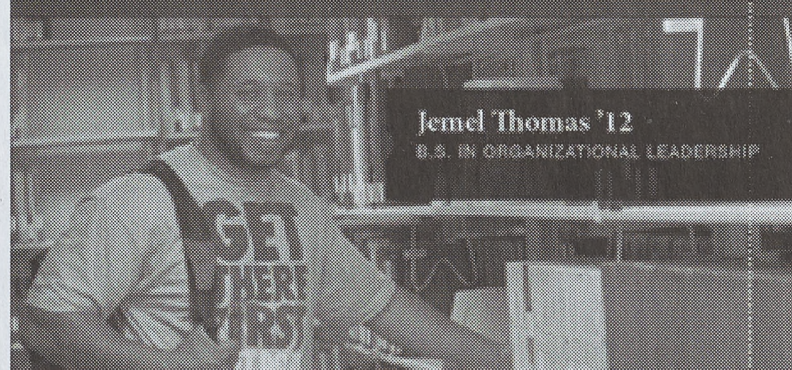
He also admits that it is a little bit of a motivator to have it in the back of his mind to be in the Hall of Fame himself.

Nine new nominees will receive induction into the 2014 Valley College HOF. Inductees include athletes from football, baseball, track and field, volleyball, swimming and water polo and Chuck Ferraro, Football Coach/Athletic Director during 1980-2009.

The HOF Induction dinner will be held on June 28th in Monarch Hall. Tickets are \$65 and will be open to all Monarchs interested in attending. The Valley College HOF is located in the Fireside Room in Monarch Hall. For more information, students can contact Raul Castillo, Director of Foundation at (818) 947-2618.

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VALLEY TAKES STUDENTS THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

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The Theater Department at Valley College will present its own adaptation of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* called "ALICEn."

The play, which will incorporate some of Carroll's works such as *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*, will stay faithful to the writing. It will, however, have a different take from Disney's animated version.

"[It] is a very gritty set contrasting to everyone's costumes. No one will recognize the horse-shoe when they see the set," said Maisha Grace, an actress for the Theater Department at Valley.

"ALICEn" will premiere on April 23 and continue on through April 27. The play will begin at 7 p.m. on weekdays and at 2 p.m. on weekends. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 at brownpapertickets.com.



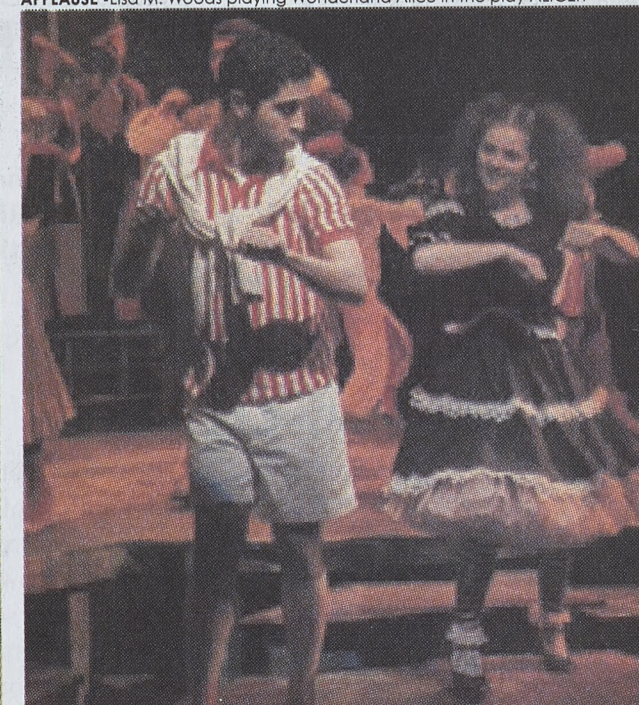
TEACUP - Mike Perrenoud plays the role of the Mad Hatter in LAVC's rendition of *Alice* titled ALICEn during the dress rehearsal last Friday evening.



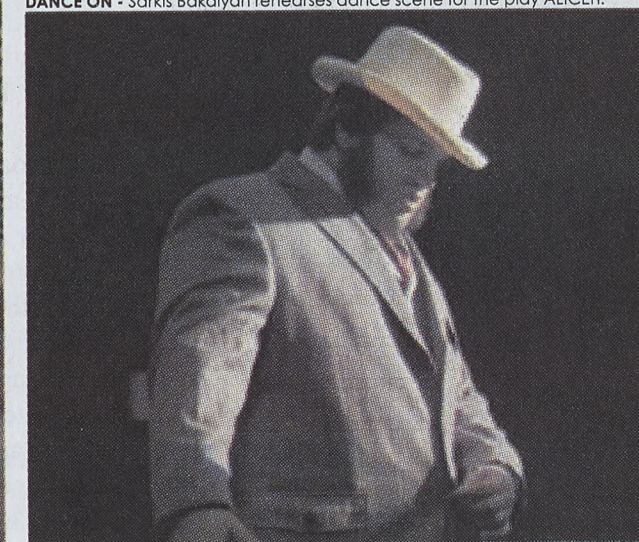
THE KEY - Douglas Bruner stands tall playing as the "Table" in ALICEn.



APPLAUSE - Lisa M. Woods playing Wonderland Alice in the play ALICEn.



DANCE ON - Sarkis Bakalyan rehearses dance scene for the play ALICEn.



SIDEURNS - Nicholas Goodreau rehearses for his role in the play ALICEn.